THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Rural Visitors in Pienty-An Eche of Dres

Streets and Court Houses.

Deemed Very Important.

Effect of It.

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Cirizen.

New York City's Generosity.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Hold the World's Fair of 1892 in New York

City? Certainly. All alone and unassisted, its citizens have succeeded in raising the atupend-ous sum of about \$25,000 to defray the expenses

of the Fair; they have graciously decided to allow Congress to pay the balance and have re-

Central Park for fear the grass will be spoiled. Such unexampled generosity should not go un-

If these reasons are not entirely sufficient,

DON CABLOS.

ed to allow the buildings to be erected

PITTSBURG, September 6.

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To the Editor of The Dispatch

some kind.

Flowers on Fig Trees.

In an item credited to a California paper, and

ecently published in THE DISPATCH, the

statement was made that the fig is utterly un-

This statement is incorrect. The receptacle of

stalk, from which the organs of the flower grow, or into which they are inserted in the fig extends over and around the flowers, which are almost inclosed within it. If the light and air fail to reach the flowers they would not come to perfection, and the fruit would in turn be imperfect. The fact alone that figs contain seeds would assure us they have blossoms of some kind.

some kind.

A better description than I have given of a fig blossom I quote from Gray's Botany: "Flowers of both kinds mixed, lining the inside of a fleshy receptacle, or hollow flower stalk, which ripens into what seems a berry. The receptacle of a strawberry is convex, of a fig concave. In the former we have the seeds on the outside; in the latter on the inside."

E. L. HOLMAN.

ALLEGHENY, September 6.

The Shah Wounded.

The Government of Turkey has inhibited the importation of English newspapers. The Shah dropped a Times leader on his corn the other

like any other fruit, in that it has no blo

the flower, which is the aper of the

-A very extraordinary society, called "The Order of the Mystic Circle," has just been organized in Philadelphia, and will soon be duly chartered. Its objects are the protection and relief of unfortunate husbands. And only those men are eligible for membership who have wives who make their lives unhappy. The society already numbers 200 members, and, it is said, it will soon have a membership of 5,000.

-Winslow, Me., must be a good place to —Winslow, Me., must be a good place to grow old in. Mrs. Roxanna Simpson, of that town, 22 years old last January, makes her own bed and walks around the neighborhood to the distance of one half mile or more. Mr. and Mrs. Gullifer, of the same town, are aged 93 and 86, respectively, and have been married 71 years last November. Mr. Gullifer does the chores about the farm while his wife does the housework, and after the labor of the day they sit together and smoke their pipes.

and Ohio Railroad bridge at Harper's Ferry.
They were George S. Houses and Mary H.
Mohler, both of Enles Switch, Jefferson county,
W. Va. They attended the fair at Shepherdatown in the morning, and there decided to wed.
They drove to the ferry, and upon reaching
there sought the Rev. Mr. Isaac, who, in the
presence of a few of the bystanders, made
them one.

-A wealthy gentleman who died in

tary life. -At Madison, Wis., the other day, Miss Kate L. Pier, of Milwaukee, made an argument before the Supreme Court. She is the first woman lawyer in that State who ever did such a thing. Miss Pier is a beautiful young brunette with magnificent raven hair, which

-Colonel Charles Y. Wilson, Kentucky's

The fashion of keeping a jester to enter tain a court went out when the fool lawyer began to pratice in it .- Texas Sistings. Mr. Gladstone believes in bringing up

children without restraint. If 'restraint' is English for 'rod,' we are with him by a large majority.—Boston Transcript.

schin' China keeps. - New York Sun.

that she is doing the housework)-My poor hands have been working ever since I've been married. Husband-I know your poor tongue bas.-

Mumley-Why, isn't he a counter-fitter?-New

Tried in the Balance.-Subscriber-Say,

wad lay me doon and dee."

Practical maiden-That sort of thing is clear out of date, Willie. What a girl wants nowadays is a an who is willing to get up and hustle for her .-

stylish people.

Tom-I know them well; called on them every

night for two months in the city.

Jack—But they seem to avoid you?

Tom—Yes; they haven't paid up yet!—Time. Visitor (at insane asylum)-Who is that

fine-looking man making stars, crosses and things out of letters? Attendant-Ob, he was the editor of a children's

column in some paper. One week he lost the answers to the puzzles and tried to solve them himseif. - Munsey's Weekty. "I love you, Emeline, with all the fervor

match to amount to something .- Rocheste Had Seen Smaller .- Miss Hauteuf (ex-

Yes, indeed. I've seen many a dog that could be put on a scent.—New York Sun,

No Place Like Home.

Summer, with all its pleasures, its outdoor parties, seashore and country excursions, is now at an end, and all are returning to town surfeited with amusement of that sort. The first thing a man does upon returning home is to look about him to see that nothing is missing from its place, and nine times out of ten he finds there is something missing. But it is a matter easily remedied. All he has to do to make his home all his heart desires is to step to the telephone, pick up a postal card or send a messenger down to the office of

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and order his paper delivered at his door bright and early every morning. When that is done he begins to realize again that life is

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TWELVE PAGES

THE LIBRARY CASE. The movement made on behalf of the Pittsburg Library Association, to intervene in the sale of the Library Hall buildings, raises a complication of legal questions with regard to the relative rights of the Library, the Library Hall Company and the mortgagee, which are outside of the province of the press. The determination of those rights may be left to the courts, and cannot be debated with much profit outside of the court-

It is, however, a pertinent matter of publie discussion to say that any proper movement to save the property for the ends to which it was created will be entitled to the public sympathy. The work of putting up the Library Hall, designated and understood as it was, to be for the benefit of the has been prevented by adverse conditions from yielding any support to that public work has been a matter of regret responsible. But it would be especially unfortunate, just at the time when the property has begun to yield a revenue in excess of the interest on the bonds, and to hold out a prospect that it may fulfill the purposes defined in its charter, to have those public purposes defeated by the foreclosure of the

property. If such a misfortune can be averted the public will be glad to see it done. Properties created for beneficial ends should, if possible, be maintained strictly for their original purposes.

WORSE THAN WE ARE. The explosion of a dynamite cartridge factory at Antwerp, so far as shown by the details received by cable, is, in addition to the ruin which is wrought, decidedly subversive of the general idea that the public safety is more carefully protected abroad than in this hasty nation. According to the reports received by cable, this dangerous industry was located in a crowded quarter near petroleum warehouses, where an explosion must inevitably be attended by disastrous results. It is satisfactory to believe that no city in this country would have per. mitted such dangerous conditions to continue, to the natural climax of the destruction of 200 lives and millions of dollars' worth of property. We are bad enough sometimes; but we have more regard for the public safety than is shown by this disaster to have existed among the conservative

RATHER LATE FOR RELIEF.

To the public generally-to those who put money in rival telephone enterprises only to be enjoined, particularly-the news that the Government now feels pretty confident of having a good case against the Bell monopoly comes tinged with an autumn melancholy. The Bell people have had control of the market until the patent is nearly run out. They have got the courts to shut up reminiscenses of other telephone enterprises upon which the strong and asphyxisting hand of the law was laid as soon as started. The Bell Company also has watered its stock indefinitely and levied charges on the public to the extent the directors pleased. The "hello" service in places and at times has been as exasperatingly indifferent to customers' needs as monopoly service of any sort is apt to become on occasions. What poor comfort can now be extracted from the intimation that the Government thinks it has a sure case against the Bell concern on the ground of fraud in getting the patent, must surely smack of irony.

This view is not lessened by the added statement that it is by establishing the priority of the telephone of Daniel Drawbaugh that the Government hopes to succeed. This is the same inventor who was hustled out of court when he originally contested for the honor 13 years ago. It is a late recompense that is promised.

IS MORALITY SO AWFULT

In a recent criticism on art, Philip Gilenergy and activity of their moral sense ing art. They insist too much upon verscity, and count upon their industry and consciousness as merits to be counted before Mr. Ruskin's teachings have encouraged prices at a non-competitive level. this subordination of everything in art to morality, and whether he is right in his

French school has not. The essence of his contention is that the English idea, because it is generally speaking moral, is lower than the Parisian ideal, which is artistic.

Setting aside the question as Mr. Hamerton asks and answers it, we may pause to inquire whether after all it is not a gain to art to be allied to the pure and truthful? Mr. Hamerton would have us believe that it is not. Evidently he believes that the products of the Parisian ateliers are immeasureably superior to the work of English artists, and why? Because they are devoid of morality, because they are not pervaded with a passionate affection for nature, and because they are altogether, so Mr. Hamerton says, of the kingdom of art. In a word this critic exalts paganism as a roof to the temple of art, Morality is a dreadful thing to him-to be kept out of the artist's studio, out of his heart, his imagination, his pullette, at all hazards. Poor morality! Mr. Hamerton and his friends of Paris are doing their best to warn their brethren all over the world of your terrible attributes. The truly artistic Parisians have cast her from them and she is supposed to have fallen like Lucifer to rise no more. All the same we shall be surprised it she does not find a home still in England and the United States. We have not learned yet to regard morality as a certain unmentionable potentate of the nether world is said to look on holy water.

NATIONAL WATER ROUTES.

The indorsement of the project for a ship canal from the upper Ohio to Lake Erie, together with a similar indorsement of the plan for freeing the Monongahela from tolls, put the Water Ways Convention at Cincinnati in line with Pittsburg's vital enter-

prises. The indorsement may be regarded a somewhat detracted from by the fact that the same body indorsed the Hennepin Canal project. But the fact is that the Hennepin Canal, the improvement of the Mississippi and the two Pittsburg projects are all propositions of national scope and importauce. By making common cause with each other, and throwing off the incubus of milldam and frog-pond appropriations, they can place themselves on a basis to command

respect and attention. A project which would create a connecte circuit of water ways throughout the West would be no mean one to lay before the next

THE RIVAL MOTORS.

While Pittsburg is extending its system of traction street railways other cities are developing, to a considerable extent, systems of electric transit. Our community was one of the pioneers in the early experiments in the electric line, and some of the primitive efforts have developed into the electric roads which will soon connect Pittsburg with Alleghenv and its northern suburbs Nevertheless it is an interesting illustration of the different ways in which the same subject may be looked at by practical men. that while Pittsburg is tending away from the electric method of propulsion other cities are strongly setting in its direction.

Cleveland has put in successful operation an electric line on what was previously its principal street railway tine, and the results of experience on that line have led to a general adoption of electric cars on all the street railroads of that city. In New York the storage battery system has been under library, was a commendable one. That it experiment for several months, and newspaper reports credit it with great success. It is a conceded point that if electrical roads can be operated with the same pracfor which no one was to be held especially tical success and anything like a parity of expense with the cable roads, the much smaller amount of capital required for them will insure their success. The hills which most of our street car lines are required to surmount may make a factor largely increasing the cost of producing adequate electric power for this purpose. With due allowance for this difference, it is still a singular feature of the times that while other cities are largely going into electric lines, Pittsburg is largely going into the

traction system. The respective wisdom of the two policies can only be determined after years of experience, but Pittsburg can at least lay this consideration to her credit, that she has a system whose utility is demonstrated beyond question. Even if electricity should in the future prove to be the superior and most economical motive power, our city will possess roadways and conduits that are adaptable to electricity and superior in solidity to those of the ordinary electric roads.

A DISCOURAGING STORY.

The story from Buffalo that Graham's reported feat in going over Niagara Falls was a complete sham, is of the sort that raises the pathetic inquiry whether there is no virtue extant even in the business of tumbling down cataracts. To assert that the ambition of being known as the champion idiot of the country, betrayed an aspiring soul to make a sham tumble and to be really launched in his barrel below the falls, is to exalt Graham's good sense in one respect; but it still leaves him in the attitude of seeking a bogus reputation of foolishness. Of course the answer is ready that this story is the weak invention of some rival who has only succeeded in abrading himself against the wocks of the rapids. Nevertheless the story must destroy the public faith in human nature, and to inculculate the most gloomy views of a world in every other company. Every city has its which even the falls jumpers are alleged to be bogus.

SPRECKELS' VERBAL VIGOR

It is interesting to read in our Eastern cotemporaries very outspoken interviews with Mr. Claus Spreckels, the great sugar manufacturer, with regard to his businesa policy, when he puts his new sugar refinery in Philadelphia into active operation. Mr. Spreckels declares that all reports of friendly relations between himself and the Sugar Trust are unqualified lies; that he is going to fight the trust so long as he lives; and that the big refinery which he has built for his sons will be managed by them in accordance with his business policy of eternal and unyielding antagonism to the monopoly.

If Mr. Spreckels fulfills about twenty-five per cent of his declarations the control of the Sugar Trust is definitely terminated. But the public, in view of the wide discrepancy which frequently makes itself apparent between promise and performance, will await the actual fulfillment of his declarations before banking very unreservedly upon the promise of beet sugar. Neverbert Hamerton asserts that it is the extreme | theless the most cynical view of Mr. Spreckels' declaration indicates that the Sugar that prevents the English from understand- Trust has got to pay him for his alliance. Thus it shows the weak point of the trust in offering a premium upon new refineries which are bound to come into existence so art itself. Mr. Hamerton rightly says that long as the combination policy sustains

THE news that the Government of Russia conclusions be certainly speaks truly when has forbidden the Hebrew schoolmasters of

disadvantages of practical politics, it worth while to live in a free country.

IT is rather interesting to find some of our esteemed cotemporaries taking the position that the stock operating firm that went into bankruptcy in New York this week, deserves little sympathy because it was on the short side of the market. There being no especial reason why people bave not as good a right to bet that stocks will go down as to bet that they will go up, a logical yiew of the case would be to assert the absence of ground for sympathy because the firm under consideration did nothing but bet on the market, whichever way it

THE arrangements appear to be completed for a new railroad line between Pittsburg and the lakes. When we can get our longfought-for Eastern trunk 'line through, Pittsburg will be pretty well supplied with competing roads.

THE official Turkish statement of the troubles in Crete attributes them all to the bloodthirsty and disorderly character of the Christians of that island, who wantonly attack peaceable and unoffending Mussulmen, and get themselves killed in order to bring the Turkish Government into disrepute: which begins to look as if the Cretan Christians were of very much the same suicidal and incomprehensible character as the Southern negroes, according to the White Leaguers' views.

CONGRESSMAN W. L. SCOTT, having won sixty thousand dollars on one of his race horses, ought to be able to let his miners in Illinois and elsewhere, have enough wages to fit them for making a good record in the mining of coal.

IT is interesting to learn from correspondents that New York's District Attorney. Mr. Fellows, recently won immense applause by his clever conduct of a sham prosecution at a fashionable gathering at one of the hotels at Richfield Springs. This must be an agreeable variety for District Attorney Fellows. His last appearance in the role of a sham prosecutor has won anything but applause from the spectators and commentators upon his official achievements.

THE sensational disclosures of that Hamilton scandal in the East, evoke a good deal of editorial comment; but all is said when it is stated that it gives us a vivid and realistic idea of the disgusting contents of

the sewage of society. WE are pained to observe that the esteemed New York Press, in publishing a communication with reference to the Hamilton-Burr duel, states in its headline that it is from "one of George Washington's descendants," It being a part of the history of this country that the Father of his country had no other children than the grateful nation, a little more accuracy is desirable in speaking of the descendants of his brothers and cousins.

THE Waterways Convention at Cincinnati adopted a timely attitude in favor not only of the maintenance but of the improve ment of the natural water courses.

THE new Constitution of North Dakots declares logrolling in Legislatures to be bribery. This is not a bad definition; but until the Constitution makers solve the problem of punishing both the logrolling and bribery, when they are committed by influential people, the abolition of the evil will be as far off as ever.

THE cool wave has vindicated the Signal

THE weather seems to have a spite agains the Exposition. Its persistent attack upon the Music Festival has been renewed at the opening of the present show. But we do not think that the bad weather can last all the while that the Exposition will be open.

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

IT is preposed to erect a monument to the ed formulator of the laws of storms Matthew Fontaine Maury, in Washington in

THE widow of President James K. Polk re ceived many visitors on her 86th birthday Wednesday last. Her mental vigor is remark

MRS. U. S. GRANT, who accompanied her on, Minister Fred Grant, to Vienna, is homesick and she will soon return to this country and spend the coming winter in Washington. EDWARD BELLAMY, author of "Looking Backward," was born in Chicopee, Mass. in 1850, and still lives there. His father was a clergyman, and Bellamy has been a journalist JUDGE E. R. HOAR, of Massachusetts President Grant's Attorney General, celebrat ed on Tuesday the fiftieth anniversary of his ion to the bar and the fortieth annivers-

ary of his first taking a seat on the bench. SEVENTEEN negro babies in Atlanta have been christened Benjamin Harrison. President's Secretary has written letters to the parents of the babes thanking them for the compliment, and expressing kind wishes for the

welfare of the children. JUSTICE MILLER, of Iowa, and Justice Field, of California, are the two men now on the Supreme Bench who owe their places to President Lincoln. The other two whom he appointed, David Davis and Noah H. Swayne are dead. Justice Miller is nearly 75 years old. WILLIAM E. HENLEY, who has won recog nition as a poet, was a laborer of dissipated habits, it is stated, when an accident that

crushed both his legs laid him up at a hospital

where he came under the influence of Robert

Louis Stevenson. He now ranks many of the most brilliant English writers among his QUAY FOR PRESIDENT.

The New Democratic Paper of Washington

Suggests Him for That Position. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR 1 WASHINGTON, September 6.-The first num ber of the new Democratic weekly, the Nationul Democrat, made its appearance to-day under auspices very favorable for its brilliant success. Mr. Edmund Hudson, late of the Capital, and correspondent of the Boston Herald, and Mr. Fred Perry Powers, one of the ablest of Wash ington correspondents, are the leading proprietors and editorial writers. The project has received the most earnest encouragement from eminent Democrats in every part of the coun-try. The new weekly is a large eight-page pa-per and very neatly printed. per and very neatly printed.

The initial number contains a long editorial article on Senator Quay as a Presidental candidate, criticising some of his methods, but giving him credit for great sagacity, and suggesting that the Republicans might as well embody the President and the President maker in

one person.

The article closes with the assumption that with Quay in the Presidency that office would at least be relieved of cant and hypocrisy.

Bachelors Are Fullures. From the Inter Ocean.l The Kansas City Evening News says: "A natrimonial fever has taken hold of Kansas City and is spreading rapidly," Well, it is a good fever to spread. A young man don't begin life properly until he has persuaded some good, honest girl to help him. More than that, he, as a role, makes a great failure in life while a bacheior. There is no man more to be

pitied than the homeless, childless old bache-

A New Rolling Mill in Ohlo. CAMBRIDGE, O., September 6 .- Arrange ments were practically completed to-day he says that the English artists have a healthy attachment for morality, while the with all our faults, and subject to all the lished here at once. Reform-Cool Dr. B-,

To the Editor of The Dispatch: The state of affairs as to street grades a pavements about the two new Court Hou THE country excursionists are really showing greater eagerness than the dwellers in the two cities to see the Exposition. Yesterday afternoon, though there were not very many people in the Exposition, almost all who were there halled from rural parts. A rather startling reminder of the presence of one countryman impressed me with this fact. I was standing well out of the way of passers-by, as I thought, in the aisle, and lost in admiration at the speed with which some men were unpacking cases of pavements about the two new Court Houses seems to be unsatisfactory to everybody. Judge White considers it a nuisance for juries not to hear his charges, and has induced the grand jury to present this as an obstruction of justice. And, at the other Court House on Smithfield street, Mr. Malone threatens that when he has it finished he will sit down in its when he has it finished he will sit down in its best parlor in his easy chair and never open it, but keep on sitting there until the streets are graded and paved with asphalt or some other elastic substance. Wonder if a case of conspiracy could not be made out against Judge White and M. I. Malono? They would with which some men were unpacking cases of candy, when a sharp-pointed body penetrated my back. It was only an amiable farmer's umbrella carried at right angles under the arm as the owner opened his mouth and shut up his seem to be acting in concert to compel the city and county authorities to do something Concert of action can readily be proved against them, and if the acts which they want done are unlawful, or even if lawful, and the method

WHEN Manager Wilt went back of the stage to apologize to Mrs. Jenness Miller for the unto apologize to Mrs. Jenness Miller for the unintentional presence of Mr. Voeghtlin, the
scene painter, and his assistant on the lofty
painting bridge above the stage during the
very secret section of her address, he found
the lady in the best of humor.

She accepted his apology with a smile, and
added: "There was nothing that a man might
not see without any fuss being made about it
—but I was bound to protest against the
presence of men or my own sex would not

presence of men or my own sex would not credit me with a bit of modesty."

The modesty and refinement of Mrs. Miller are established in the spirit and form of her lecture. Her return to Pittsburg is one of the

"Some men are possessed of amazing coo ness as well as courage," said a New York attorney to me yesterday. "I had a very striking instance of such a combination brought before me a few weeks ago. With some ladies and a certain Dr. B—, who is well-known everywhere as a very clever surgeon and anatomist, I went to see 'Booth's Baby' at the Madison Square Theater. It was raining a little when we came out of the theater and we all got into a hack and drove over to Deimonico's to supper. When we got out Dr. B—asked the hackman how much the fare was, and he said, 'Two dollars.' The doctor looked a little vexed and offered the driver a dollar, which he refused to

take.
"'All right,' said Dr. B-, 'wait a moment, and he accompanied us into the dining room and saw that we were seated before he returned to the hackman. I followed him. He offered the jehu a dollar again, but he refused it, asking surisly for \$2. With that Dr. B-, who is a small man, seized the hackman, a big hulking fellow, by the throat with one hand and ground his clenched fist into his, the hackman's, face. The hackman was completely mastered in a moment and yelled like a spanked child. The doctor released his victim, gave him the dollar, pulled down his right coat sleeve, which had rucked up, and taking my arm walked into Del-monico's. When we rejoined the ladies a few seconds later, Dr. B—'s face was as placid and angelio as a baby's. There was not a tremor in his face or a sign of excitement in his manner. I do not wonder that he has won fame as a surgeon. He has the nerve to do anything he wants to without incurring the least agitation."

THE WRONG PRISONER RELEASED. Comedy of Errors That Kept an Innocent

Man in Jail. CHICAGO, September 6.—A comedy of errors has been enacted at the county jail for the last six weeks, but the plot was so involved that it did not become known until the last act was played in Judge Tuthill's court yesterday afternoon. In the latter part of July two men, each bearing the name of John Conley, were impris-oned in the jail, one charged with larceny and the other with assault. The July grand jury heard the evidence in both cases and returned an indictment for the assault and "no bill" in the other case. An order was sent to the jail larceny, but in mistake his namesake was given his liberty, and John Conley, who was not guilty of larceny, was lodged and boarded at

guilty of larceny, was lodged and boarded at the expense of the county for six weeks longer than he was entitled to be.

The mistake was not discovered until the assault case was called in Judge Tuthill's court, and State's Attorney Elliottsent over to the jail for the detendant. The prosecuting witness in the case was a watchman at the Lake Shore yards. As soon as the prisoner was brought into the court the witness exclaimed: "Why, that is not the man!" After a little investigation the facts related were brought out and Conley was discharged. He did not appear at all grieved over his false imprisonment. A grieved over capias was issued for the other Conley, who had

profited by the mistaken identity. A REMINDER OF SLAVERY DAYS.

An Aged Colored Woman Meets Her Forme Mistress After Many Years.

If these reasons are not entirely sufficient, a glance at the city's past record will at once dis-pel any faint lingering doubt, which we might entertain in regard to her capacity to take care of and make a success of the Fair. It shows she has always been of the same unselfish and liberal disposition. How quickly was raised the necessary funds to build a monument to Gen-eral Grant; what excellent care she is now taking of his tempt. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 WASHINGTON, September 6.- The village of Anacostia across the Eastern Branch which eral Grant; what excellent care she is now taking of his tomb!

With what unselfishness New York undertook to build a pedestal on which to erect the Goddess of Liberty statue, and with what sweet assurance and unexampled coolness she asked the citizens of the United States to pay for it; meanwhile cialming the entire credit. How pressingly the metropolis invited the Pennsylvania State troops to take part in the Washington centennial parade, and with what is chiefly distinguished as the home of Frederick Douglass, has just furnished a pathetic little incident recalling the days of slavery Mrs. Susan Bryan, of Prince George's county, Md., aged 82 years, came into possession by inheritance when a young woman of a large number of slaves, among whom was one named Pennsylvania State troops to take part in the Washington centennial parade, and with what kind hospitality, when they accepted and came, she told them to lodge and board themselves or starve! What great managers New Yorkers have shown themselves to be! What a grand success the Washington centennial ball was and with what great propriety it was conducted!

What honest and incorruptible Judges and officials that city possesses! How can we conscientiously refuse her cool and modest request? By all means give the fair to New York. Oh, yes! Give her the earth if she but asks for it.

DON CARLOS. Caroline Henson, now 86 years of age, who had been reared from childhood by Miss Julia Lanham, also of Prince George's county, and often as a child played with her later owner. Caroline's husband was owned by a neighbor

planter and relative, Dr. Edward Bryan, who in 1836 moved with his family and effects to Mississippi.

The two slaves were given the privilege to go or stay, but the attachment for the master being stronger than that for husband or wife, the husband followed his master to Mississippi, and was long since buried near him at Vicksburg, while Caroline remained in Maryland. About, the caroline remained in Maryland. About, the caroline remained in Maryland. while Caroline remained in Maryland. About, 40 years ago she was given her liberty, and durall the intervening years had not met Mrs. Bryan, nor did either know the other was living till a few days ago, when Caroline learned that Mrs. Bryan was visiting relatives here, and passing the house recognized her fice at the window.

On being ushered into the presence of her former mistress, the two aged women gave vent to their feelings and wept freely in their em-braces, and together they traversed in memory the family events for three-quarters of a cen-

A BOY BECOMING OSSIFIED.

An Indiana Youth Suffering From a Most

Remarkable Ailment. COLUMBUS, IND., September 6.—Amos Her-old, a 12-year-old boy living near Trafaigar, Johnson county, is suffering from a most re markable ailment. His knee joints, ankles and aws have become cemented together with a por substance, and he is now in an almost heipless condition.

The boy has been afflicted with the strange disease almost two years, and has received all nourishment during that time through a tube inserted in his mouth by the removal of a

THE JOURNEY OF A BOTTLE.

Thrown Into the English Channel It Found on Holland's Const.

COLUMBUS, IND., September 6.- James Zoller citizen of Greensburg, went to France a few nonths ago, and in crossing the English Channel he wrote a note, sealed it in a bottle and threw it into the water. The note said: "The finder will please return to the writer, James M. Zoller, Greensburg, Ind., U. S. A." The mother of Mr. Zoller, who wrote the note, has just received a letter, written by a Frenchman, who lives on the coast of Holland, which states that he picked up the bottle in which was inclosed the note on the morning of July

The Real Suspects.

From the Chicago Mail. The average stranger passing through the city will find some difficulty in deciding, to his own satisfaction, who is being tried in the Cronin case. As matters stand now the unfortunate talesmen seem to be about the only people suspected of having at any time known anything of the conspiracy.

A Modest Ambition.

A Maine boy, afterward a millionaire, is re-

membered as the author of this touching as-

piration: "I wish I had all the gold which could

contained in all the bags which could be

made by a cart load of needles." He died rich atisfied and unhappy.

From the Lewiston Journal. 1

DEATHS OF A DAY. General Ward. COTTA GR CITY, MASS., September 6.—General Rodney C. Ward, of Brooklyn, died at the Oak Stuffs Clubbouse this afternoon of heart trouble.

ÆSOP AND THE BEASTS.

He sat among the woods; he beard The sylvan merriment; he saw The humors of the beast and bird, The pranks of donkey and of daw, And in the lion and the frog: In all the tribes of swamp and den In deer and hare, in stork and log, Marked the similitudes of men. "From these, of these," he cried, "we come;

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From the Chicago Herald.1

day and he is sore.

Our hearts and brains descend from these!'
And lo! the beasts no more were dumb, But answered out of brakes and trees. And thus, perchance, their saying ran; "Nay, not from us your folly springs, O, deeply fallen race of man,

For we have neither hope nor dread We look not forward nor behind, We lead the life our fathers led, We live like clouds or streams or wind; "For we have neither doubt nor faith, For we are neither bond nor free; We hear the word that nature saith,

Bewildered about empty things!

"Behold, we neither laugh nor weep, Are well content with everything: But ye would fly that scarce can creep. And ye would speak that scarce can sing. Nay, were there cause for moan or mirth "Tis we, not you, should sigh or scorn, O, latest children of the earth, Most childish children earth lath borne."

They speak, but that misshapen slave And unto men their portraits gave In likenesses of beast and bird.

Like the Flack Case.

INEW YORK BUREAU SPECIALS 1
NEW YORK, September 6,—There we like case in the Brooklyn courts to-day. NEW YORK, September 6.—There was a Flack case in the Brooklyn courts to-day. Mrs. Julia Bligh, of Brooklyn, had her husband, John Bligh, arrested to-day on a charge of abandonment. Mr. Bligh is a Republican politician, and the proud possessor of a big "pull." He was an Assistant United States Weigher under President Arthur, but went out with the advent of President Claveland. Recently he has been a United States Weigher at the Wall street stores. When Bligh was arraigned in court to-day he produced a paper which he claimed to be a certificate of a decree of divorce. He said he got the divorce in Chicago, and it cost him \$53. The decree, he said, had been granted by the Illinois Supreme Court, proper notice having been served on Mrz. Bligh by mail. Mrs. Bligh vigorously denied that she had ever been served with notice of suit of divorce, or law papers of any kind. Justice Patterson adjourned the case for a week. they are pursuing to accomplish their purpose s unlawful, either way the case of criminal conspiracy against these two officials would be

Preparing for Emmons Blaine's Wedding.

Emmons Blaine is in town, spending the last days of his bachelorhood in making preparations for the great event on the 28th inst. Emmons takes little or no interest in politics. Six months ago he was elected General Manager of the West Virginia Central Railroad, after having made a record with the Santa Fe. It was while living in Chicago, as the freight manager of the Santa Fe, that Emmons met Miss Anita McCormick, whom he is to wed in Richfield Springs three weeks hence. The honeymoon will be spent in Secretary Blaino's house at Bar Harbor, which will be placed entirely at the disposal of the young couple. Before going there, however, they intend spending a week journeying in ex-Senator Davis' private car, West Virginia. Miss McCormick, it is said, will be worth a million in her own right on the Preparing for Emmons Blaine's Wedding But, jesting aside, the matter is a very important one. The expedient of covering the pavements with sawdust, or plastering them with asphalt, can afford no permanent remedy. will be worth a million in her own right on the day of her wedding.

pavements with sawdust, or plastering them with asphalt, can afford no permanent remedy. The grade of Fifth avenue and Ross and Grant streets should be lowered to correspond with the grade of Diamond street. This would make the objectionably noisy streets eight to ten feet lower than they are now, relatively to the court rooms, and render the noise measureably imperceptible. That is the only permanent remedy that can be applied at the County Court House. Besides, the city and county should have some regard to appearances, and the everlasting fitness of things. If it is a proud distinction to possess the finest County Court House in the United States, how absurd to leave it in its present lop-sided condition, in regard to the streets. The people have borrowed and spent \$3,000,000 in its construction, according to a plan which contemplated the lowering of Fifth avenue and Grant and Ross, at least to a level with its base course, and can it be possible that it is to be left for all time in its present unseemly condition, merely to save a few thousand dollars in not carrying out the original plan?

But besides the eyesores and inconveniences which these objectionable humps cause to the Court House, other considerations demand their removal; to obtain easier grades for all purposes that streets are used for is one of them, and a very important one. Another reason is the obstruction which the present condition interposes to building and improvements. The common sense of property holders admonishes them that these humps will not be allowed to remain forever, and this deters them from pulling down the present dilapidated structures and erecting such buildings as the present progress in architecture demands for such prominent localities.

Effect of It. Mayor M. R. Marks, Mayor of the thriving city of Orlands, Fla., called at police headquarters to-day. It was a business call of a rather embarrassing character. The Major confessed he had been buncoed. Mayor Marks reached this city a few days ago and made his home at the St. George Hotel, on Broadway. There is scarcely a man of any note in Fiorida There is scarcely a man of any note in Florida who is not at least an acquaintance of the Major. He was not surprised, therefore, when a dapper young man stepped up to him, and grasping him cordially by the hand said effusively: "Good day, Colonel." "Major, if you please, sir; Major Marks, of Orlando," the Southerner replied, innocently, having a faint idea that he had met the dapper young man somewhere in the Sunny South. "I am glad to see you, Major," responded the stranger, "and how is my old friend Judge Hughes, of Jacksonville," Now it seems that Judge Hughes, of Jacksonville, is one of the Major's best friends, and the stranger, who claimed to be a nephew of that judicial personage, readily won his way into the confidence of Major Marks. The Major was induced to go to an office on Eighteenth street, and there the If these humps were removed and the grades finally established, we would doubtless in a very short time have splendid office buildings of eight or more stories in height at the corners of Fifth and Grant, and buildings of proportionate respectability all along the streets in question n question.

It was unfortunate that the agitators for the It was unfortunate that the agitators for the removal of the humps when they introduced the ordinances into Councils a year ago, asked too much. They asked a cut from 16 to 18 feet, while 8 or 10 feet, or just as much as would bring the surface of the street to a level with the base course of the Court House, was all that was needed. The deeper cut raised such vigorous opposition from the Cathedral people, and other property owners, on account of the serious damage it would do their property, that the ordinances were defeated, and the matter was left in the present unsettled condition, much to the disgust even of the property holders, as well as the public.

Now would be the proper time for the City Councils and Mr. Bigelow and the County Commissioners to act, and act promptly and effectively. The County Commissioners take much credit to themselves, on account of the Court House and its fine condition, and Mr. Bigelow will get deserved praise from the public for the fine park he has succeeded in raking in from the remnants of the city's property surrounding the Hiland Reservoir.

It only remains now, for him and the County Commissioners to procure the removal of the humps in question, in order to secure the everlasting gratitude of this community. office on Eighteenth street, and there the dapper young man robbed him of \$40, all the money the Major had. The young man is still

Lawrence Barrett Back From Europe. Lawrence Barrett, the tragedian, returned from Europe this morning by the Aller. Mr. Barrett has much improved in health, and he says that he is ready and eager for the work of

George S. Knight's Broken Health. Two years ago worry over the failure of his piece, "Baron Rudolph," drove George S. Knight, the actor, to the verge of insanity at San Francisco, and his wife, Sophia Worrall, the burlesque actress, and one of the famous trio of sisters who were at Woods' Theater, brought him home and nursed him until he was sane. He has never been the same since, men-tally or physically, and to-day he is at Orange, N. J., stricken with progressive general paresis. His devoted wife, who began to pay the ais. His devoted wife, who began to pay the expenses of his last illness a year ago by disposing of her diamonds, declines aid, but is going to star in a Rosina Vokes repertoire, and starts on Monday. Knight was affectionately spoken of to-day by Benjamin A. Baker and John H. W. Byrne, who knew his life history. He was the leading exponent of German comedy in variety theaters. In "Over the Garden Wall!" he made a barrel of money, to Garden Wall" he made a barrel of money, to lose it in his pet hobby, "Baron Rudolph." five weeks ago at Asbury Park, and she is as

THE CRITERION CLUB.

Its First Lawa Fete at the Old Knox Man

The old Knox mansion, in Knoxville, had its nemories of old time hospitality and gaiety revived last night by the lawn fete given by the Criterion Club. of the Southside. spacious grounds were beautifully lighted and decorated. About 130 ladies and gentlemen were present. Supper was furnished by Kennedy, the caterer, and Guenther's orchestra supplied excellent music. The mansion is the home of the Countess Montercole, where she spent her childhood days.

Happy in Wedlock. Mr. Robert C. Carothers and Miss Maggie J.

McKee were united in marriage at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening, at the residence of the bride's mother, on Herron The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. A. Hill, formerly of the Seventh Pres-byterian Church. But a few relatives and friends of the principals were present, and im-mediately after the wedding supper the couple repaired to their handsomely furnished future home on Webster avenue extension.

Insurance Agents Banquet. George A. Wood, General Manager for West ern Pennsylvania of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, gave a banquet last night at the Duquesne to the agents of the company in his district. Thirty-eight were present, includ-ing H. B. Hyde, President of the company, and E. W. Scott, Third Vice President Caterer albert Menjou du himself proud on the menu prepared. The table decorations were very

prepared. The table decorations a jolly one beautiful and artistic and the party a jolly one. Their Fourteenth Applyersary. Pride of the West Council No. 15, Jr. O. U. A. M., celebrated its fourteenth anniversary last night with a ball at the Union Rink, in Allegheny. Handsome invitations had been issued. It was a delightful affair.

TRI-STATE TRIFLES.

A POX chase will be one of the drawing cards at the Lancaster County Fair. A fox in a box will be dragged around the race course, and the dogs will follow the scent.

THIRTY-THREE inches of catchfish was caught near Norristown by W. W. Potts. It measured six inches between the eyes. HER thick woolen stockings saved the life of Mrs. Button, of Middlebury, Pa. She was bitten in the ankle by a rattlesnake, but the stock-

ing absorbed the venom. The spot turned bright green. AT Morgantown, W. Va., the State Univer sity opened with an attendance of 160 pupils, ten being young ladies anxious to take advan tage of the coeducation resolution passed at a recent session of the Board of Regents.

A most singular accident occurred in front of a drugstore in York the other evening. An empty alcohol barrel was standing in front of the large show window. George Rinely struck a match on it for the purpose of lighting a cigar. The alcohol on the barrel blazed up, exploding the barrel, shattering the plate glass in the show window and disarranging the stock Rinely was thrown some distance by the explosion, but was only slightly burt.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE, LANaster, has entered upon its 100d year.

at 24 feet below the surface ran across a petri fied rabbit, a pair of tusks, each measuring five feet in length, and a dozen coins, bearing dates between 1750 and 1800. H. RICHARD HUGHES, a saloonist of

CAL JOHNSON, in sinking a hole on Major

J. F. Brushart's premises, at Portsmouth, O.,

Springfield, O., was married Thursday evening to Miss Ella R. Fisher, after a courtship of 11

THE ART OF DRESS. Shirley Dare DISPATCH, shows that it consists, first of all, in conforming to the seasons, and a due regard to combinations of colors is necessary.

bullets along the street, the dog trotted off.

—An enterprising firm has affered the British Government \$125,000 a year for the privilege of placing a soap and pill advertisement on the postage stamps, the advertisement to be put on at the time the cancelling is dome and by the same machine.

—There have been settlements on the Kennebec river in Maine since 1014 and it was only the other day that the discovery was made that there is coal in the banky of the stream A local geologist says that considerable quantities of it are washed ashere on the beach at the mouth of the river.

—Mrs. Georgies W. Towle of Kenn Falls.

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—Mrs. George W. Towls, of Kezar Falls, Ms., recently got a letter. The letter was not an ordinary every day sort of an culstic, but one that has traveled. It lett the postofice at Granger, N. Y., October 8, 1878, and has been somewhere on the road ever since, just where nobody knows, but it only reached Kezar Falls a few days ago.

—On Monday John German shot a carp at Evans' Lake, N. J. It measured 30 inches long and 20 inches around the body. The weight of the fish was 14 pounds 12 cunces. German has since been patrolling the pond and Thursday discovered another carp nearly as large as his former capture. He succeeded in capturing it and took it to Philadelphia, where it will be placed on exhibition.

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—A steamer arrived at Philadelphis the other day with a cargo of fruit and a number of tarantulas on board. Members of the crew were often obliged to keep watch at night and sweep the vipers into the ocean as fast as they crawled up on dock. The vesses was loaded to its hatchways. At times the dock was litterally covered with them, and some were as big around the body as a good-sized orange.

—A London paper states that the other night the marchioness of Bristol, the ladies Herrey, and a few of their friends went through the streets and squares of Belgravia, singing and playing on guitars and mandolines. They tried to suit all tastes and sang "O Belia Italia" and "O Dem Golden Slippers" with equal vigor. The proceeds of the night's work are to be given to the hospital Sunday fund.

—A very extraordinary society, called

-A runaway couple from Virginia were married Thursday evening on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad bridge at Harper's Ferry.

—A wealthy gentleman who died in Vienna not long ago, in his will left the whole of his property to a person whom he had seen every day for years. This was a young lady who lived directly opposite his own lodgings. Of this young lady the old gentleman know nothing whatever except her name, and r grateful fact that for several years as he passed to and fro, she had greeted his com and going with a pleasant, friendly suille. —was very lonely in his elderly bachderhoot, and the dally smile cheered and made him grateful. No tie, indeed, seems to have bound him to any human being except to the fair him to any human being except to the fair damsel who thus silently brightened his soli-

brunette with magnificent raven hair, which hung in a prodigious braid to within a toot of the floor. Her opponent was John J. Sutton, of Columbus, one of the biggest and gruffest lawyers in the State, but who, on this occasion, wore a singularly subdued mien. The case argued involves several hundred dollars, and a decision in it was reserved. Miss Pier graduated from the law department of Wisconsin University a year ago. Both her mother and father are lawyers, and the trio practice together in Milwankee. Another girl in the family is now studying for the bar.

State Agricultural Commissioner, has a rabbit foot with a history to it, which he intends to foot with a history to it, which he intends to present to the next Speaker of the House of Representatives, with the request that it be handed down in the direct line of succession, each subsequent term of the Legislature. The rabbit had but three legs, and was caugh tin a cemetery at the dead hour of midnight by a one-legged man. Before he got it the whole neighborhood had been praying for rain to save the crops. But when he took the rabbit foot in his hand, rubbed the fur and made a few mystic signs to his astonishment in a short in his hand, rubbed the fur and made a lew mystic signs, to his astonishment in a short while the great clouds began to pour a deluge of water over the thirsty land. Colonel Wilson had it tipped with silver for a talisman to be suspended as a watch charm and used by the Speaker of the House like the magical ring in the Arabian Nights.

FUNNY MEN'S FANCIES.

More, Perhaps .- Mrs. Fangle (reading)-The Sultan of Turkey maintains 474 carriages.
Fangle-That must be as many as the Emperor Wife (who never lets her husband forget

Mumley-The proprietor of this readymade ciothing store is a law breaker.
Dumley—How do you make that out?

I don't see anything funny about your lokes.
Paragrapher-You don't? I want you to understand, sir, that those jokes convulsed thousands with laughter before you were born. - New York Enamored swain-For you, darling, "I

At the Seaside,-Jack-Jove, those are

at my command," he said, as they strolled out East avenue. "Yes, George," she replied, "I know it, and yet I would that you had told me of your love in some other terms. I have been loved with fervor, O! so many times, and I do want this

hibiting a diminutive spaniel)—This is one of the smallest dogs living. See, I can hold him in the palm of my hand. Bigsby-That is nothing.
Miss Hanteur-Have you ever seen a smaller